

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. 1. A loading device for a cable comprising:
  2. a leader with a first end and a second end;
  3. a jacket enclosing the leader; and
  4. means for attaching the second end of the leader to the
  5. cable;
  6. wherein the first end of the leader is used for pulling the
  7. leader through the jacket.
1. 2. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the leader is made from a material that slides and elongates during pulling.
1. 3. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the leader is made from a felt.
1. 4. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the jacket is made from PVC.
1. 5. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means for attaching the leader to the cable is by a staple.

1       6. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means  
2                  for attaching the leader to the cable is by an adhesive material.

1       7. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means  
2                  for attaching the leader to the cable is by a clip.

1       8. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means  
2                  for attaching the leader to the cable is by a band.

1       9. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the felt is  
2                  made from a non-woven polyester fiber.

1       10. A cable loading device as set forth in claim 9, wherein the non-  
2                  woven polyester fiber is a needle loom fiber which is mechanically  
3                  interlocked.

1       11. A method of loading a cable inside a jacket comprising the steps  
2                  of:

3                  forming a jacket with a leader inside;  
4                  cutting the jacket with the leader inside to a length;  
5                  attaching one end of the leader to the cable;  
6                  pulling the leader through the jacket until a parallel wire  
7                  section of the cable is exposed at an end of the jacket; and

8 cutting the ribbon cable at the exposed parallel wire section  
9 to length.

1       12. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein said step of forming  
2           includes extruding the jacket with the leader inside.

1       13. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the leader is made from  
2                   a material that slides and elongates during pulling.

1       14. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the leader is made from  
2            a felt.

1 15. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of attaching the  
2 leader to the cable is by a staple.

1       19. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the jacket is made from  
2                   PVC.

- 3 cutting a leader to length;
- 4 extruding a jacket over the leader;
- 5 cutting the jacket with the leader extruded inside to length;
- 6 providing a ribbon cable;
- 7 attaching one end of the leader to the ribbon cable;
- 8 pulling the leader through the jacket until a parallel wire
- 9 section of the ribbon cable is exposed at an end of the jacket; and
- 0 cutting the ribbon cable to length.

1       23. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the leader is made from  
2                    a material that slides and elongates during pulling.

1       24. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the leader is made from  
2                    a felt.

1       25. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the jacket is made from  
2                    PVC.

1       26. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the  
2                    leader to the cable is by a staple.

1       27. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the  
2                    leader to the cable is by an adhesive material.

1       28. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the  
2                    leader to the cable is by a clip.

1       29. A method as set forth in claim 21, wherein the step of attaching the  
2                    leader to the cable is by a band.

1       30. A method as set forth in claim 24, wherein the felt is made from a  
2                    non-woven polyester fiber.

1       31. A method as set forth in claim 30, wherein the non-woven polyester  
2                   fiber is a needle loom fiber which is mechanically interlocked.

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